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## HOW MUCH IS A GIRL'S LEFT EYE WORTH?

**Girl Selling Hats at Siegel-Cooper's Goes Half-Blind—  
Tells Industrial Board Straw Poisoned It—Limit  
She Can Get Is \$600.**

The Illinois industrial board today heard witnesses in City Hall Square bldg. in the case of Loeta Topping of 1120 N. Clark st. vs. Siegel-Cooper's. The young woman herself was first on the stand. She wore a pink shield over her left eye. Her story: "I am a millinery girl. I learned how to fix over women's hats working for the Boston store. Then I got a job at \$7 a week with Siegel-Cooper's.

"I was at Siegel-Cooper's six

months last August. One day I was brushing a hat. We brush dozens of straw hats every day in the summer. A piece of purple straw got into my eye. It stuck there and cut in on the eyeball. It was my left eye. It began to inflame. I had to quit work. After a while I couldn't see out of it."

Her hands clutched at the rims of the chair and her voice hit a high quaver and the nearest anybody could make out she was saying: "My eye is gone! I can't see with it any more and the doctors say I'll be blind